[Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar.]

(*b*) (1) The member is referred to answer to part (*a*).

(2) Graduate clerks alone have been declared eligible for appointment as Inspectors of Police. Non-graduate clerks, specially exempted from the operation of the rule confining recruitment as Inspectors to graduates, and members of the lower executive staff of the Police Department are also appointed occasionally. No percentage has been fixed for such appointments.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the graduate clerks in the Department are included in the 75 per cent. or not?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*). They are included, of course.

Qualification for Sub-Registrar's post.

158. ❋ **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the minimum general qualifications for a Sub-Registrar's post;

(*b*) whether Government have exempted any from general qualifications; and

(*c*) the number of applications received for exemption.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Graduates with the requisite Departmental Examination qualification and non-graduates who hold the E. S. L. C. pass certificates, provided they have passed the Departmental Examination, who are quite efficient and have a service of not less than 15 years.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 17 applications.

Graduates in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

159. ❋ **MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of employed and unemployed graduates in the Muvattupuzha taluk according to the latest information;

(*b*) how many applications have been received from graduates of the Muvattupuzha taluk for Government jobs in the years 1108 and 1109 and

(*c*) how many of them have been appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) It is not possible to collect the information required by the member.

The Neriamangalam bridge.

160. ❋ **MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the names of those who submitted tenders for the construction of the Neriamangalam bridge;

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(*b*) the name of the company or the contractors to whom the work has been given ;

(*c*) whether they have executed any agreement for undertaking the work ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, what is the reason ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same ; and

(*f*) whether it is the practice to give contracts without executing any agreement ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) *For Steel Bridges.*

1. Messrs. Braithewaits & Co., Ltd.
2. P. I. Gopalan Nair, Contractor, Alwaye.
3. Mackenzies Ltd , Georgetown, Madras.
4. Gannon Dunkerly Ltd., 289, Linghi Chetty Street, Madras.
5. A & J Main & Co. Ltd , 10 Clive Steet, Calcutta.
6. Harrisons & Crosfield Ltd., Quilon.
7. Jessop & Co., Ltd., 93 Clive Street, Calcutta.
8. Marbus & Co., Nagercoil.
9. Burn & Co., Ltd., Howrah.
10. N. O. Francis, Contractor, Thiruvella.
11. C. U. Varkey, Contractor, Kozhencherry, Alwaye.
12. P. I. Mohamed, Contractor, Alleppey.
13. N. K. S. Muthuswamy Karayalar, Shencottah.

For R. C. Bridges.

1. Motichand & Co., Bombay.
2. The Bombay Engineering Company, Bombay.
3. Bird & Co., Calcutta.
4. The General Construction Company Ltd., Madras.
5. J. C. Gammon & Co., Ltd., Bombay.
6. The Mawson Vernon & Co., Ltd., Bombay.

(*b*) The General Construction Co., Ltd.

(*c*) The company have signed the draft agreement, though it has not been executed on stamp paper.

(*d*) Some plans have yet to be supplied by the contractors to form an enclosure to the agreement.

(*e*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*f*) No.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : When was the draft agreement signed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I have to look into the papers ; therefore I claim notice.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Why was the agreement not executed on a stamped paper.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The answer has already been furnished. Certain drawings have yet to be supplied by the contractors. The final agreement has not yet been executed; and when the time comes for that, stamp paper will become necessary.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : My question was why the draft agreement was not executed on a stamp paper.

PRESIDENT : According to the answer furnished by the Chief Engineer, no final agreement has yet been come to. Some plans have yet to be supplied to by the contractors to complete the agreement. As soon as they have been furnished, a regular document will be prepared which will be on a stamped paper. That is how I understood the answer.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know why even the draft agreement was not executed on a stamp paper?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Only final agreements are executed on stamp paper.

The Nagercoil distillery.

161.* **MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the strongest proof spirit capable of being out-turned from the Nagercoil distillery ;

(*b*) the percentage of alcohol contained in the above spirit and in the rectified spirit imported from outside ;

(*c*) the comparative prices of each kind of spirit ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that industries depending on the use of alcohol suffer on account of the inability of the department to supply spirit of requisite strength ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) 40 ° O. P.

(*b*) 79·9 by volume, while in rectified spirit it is 90·01 by volume.

(*c*) The price of 40° O. P. spirit manufactured here is Bh. Rs. 2-1-9 per proof gallon. Information is not now available about the price of rectified spirit imported from outside.

(*d*) Government are not aware.

Manufacture of arrack.

162.* **MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state if it is under contemplation of Government to manufacture arrack from the treacle obtained as a by-product in the manufacture of sugar ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The answer is in the affirmative.

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